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SUBJ: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: FEBRUARY 9 BARTON GROUP MEETING

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1. AT FEBRUARY 9 BARTON GROUP MEETING UKDEL ANNOUNCED
THAT PM CALAGHAN WOULD ADDRESS SSOD ON JUNE 2. FRGDEL
SAID CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD SPEAK ON MAY 26. OTHER
DELS INDICATED CURRENT REPRESENTATION PLANS AS FOLLOWS:
NETHERLANDS - FOREIGN MINISTER ON JUNE 2; DENMARK-DISARMA-
MENT MINISTER ON MAY 25; ITALY - FOREIGN MINISTER ON
JUNE 1 OF 2. USREP REPORTED THE FIRST SPEAKER'S SLOT
ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 1 HAD BEEN RESERVED BY US. (JAPANESE
REP TOLD USDEL AFTER MEETING HE THOUGHT THAT UNDER DEVELOP-
ING SITUATION, IT WAS LIKELY THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER
WOULD ATTEND.)
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2. BARTON GROUP AGAIN DISCUSSED SLIGHTLY REVISED
WESTERN PAPER ON DISARMAMENT MACHINERY (REFTEL, PARA 1).
MAJOR OPEN ISSUE IS STILL WHETHER PAPER SHOULD PROPOSE
ROTATION OF CCD MEMBERSHIP. NORWEGIAN REP INTRODUCED
NEW COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE PAPER STATE

DESIRABILITY OF QTE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERESTED NON-MEMBER STATES TO PARTICPATE UNQTE WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ROTATION. SEVERAL REPS INDICATED THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT THIS FORMULATION.

3. ITALIAN REP PROPOSED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH ON ROLE OF SECURITY COUNCIL BE ADDED TO PAPER: QTE THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE EFFORTS FOR DISARMAMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. AS A FIRST STEP, A STUDY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING, UNDER ARTICLE 29 OF THE UN CHARTER, OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT PURPOSES, BEGINNING WITH A COMMITTEE, DIVIDED INTO REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES, TO CONTROL INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS UNQTE. FRGREP (SCHLAICH) ARGUED AGAINST ITALIAN PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR WEST TO OPPOSE PROLIFERATION OF NEW DISARMAMENT BODIES IF WEST ITSELF PROPOSED A NEW BODY. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO HAVE QUESTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER (CAT) INCLUDED IN SSOD PROGRAM OF ACTION, BUT THOUGHT THAT GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE AN ATTEMPT TO INSERT A FORMULATION SUCH AS THE ITALIAN ONE IN THE DECLARATION WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. USREP (WEILER) SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF IN FIRST GREAT REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT SINCE WORLD WAR II THERE WERE NO REFERENCE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURITY COUNCIL ON WHICH THE UN CHARTER CONFERRED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS FIELD. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE ALSO WISHED TO UNDERSCORE US INTEREST IN MAKING PROGRESS ON CAT ISSUE AT SSOD IN WHICH REGIONAL EFFORTS COULD PLAY A ROLE, HE AGREED WITH JAPANESE REP THAT CAT ISSUE SHOULD BE APPROACHED CAREFULLY. SEVERAL OTHER DELS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO ITALIAN PROPOSAL. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THOUGH THE LANGUAGE WOULD BE REFERRED TO CAPITALS FOR CONSIDERATION, IT WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN PAPER AT THE PRESENT TIME.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT A SECOND REVISION OF THE MACHINERY PAPER WILL BE CIRCULATED IN FEBRUARY 10 MEETING OF BARTON GROUP FOR REFERENCE TO CAPITALS. GROUP WOULD PLAN TO HAVE FINAL DISCUSSION OF PAPER ON FEBRUARY 14, WITH A VIEW TO TABLING A PAPER FEBRUBARY 15.

5. GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED INDIAN PROPOSAL TO CREATE A NEW UN DELIBERATIVE BODY ON DISARMAMENT, AND QUESTION OF CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. AUSTRALIAN REP SAID HE HAD MIVINGS ABOUT INDIAN PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT WOULD

CREATE YET ANOTHER UN BODY, WITH THE ATTENDANT BUDGETARY COSTS, AND BECAUSE DESPITE INDIAN ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY THE NEW BODY MIGHT WELL EVENTUALLY ENCROACH ON AND SEEK TO DIRECT THE WORK OF THE CCD. JAPANESE REP, ON THE OTHER HAND, THOUGHT INDIAN PROPOSAL COULD ALLEVIATE PRESSURES FOR RADICAL CHANGES IN THE CCD. USREP NOTED INDIAN PROPOSAL HAD AT LEAST THREE ELEMENTS: IT WAS INTENDED TO INVOLVE CHINESE IN DISARMAMENT; IT WAS INTENDED TO DEFLECT PRESSURE FOR CCD ENLARGEMENT; AND IT COULD ENHANCE UN ROLE IN DISARMAMENT, POSSIBLY LEADING TO FORMAL CREATION OF A QTE DISARMAMENT COUNCIL UNQTE, SUCH AS HAD BEEN INFORMALLY SUGGESTED BY UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM. ON THE LAST POINT, FRG REP EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO POSSIBILITY OF AN ECOSOC-TYPE BODY FOR DISARMAMENT.
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6. ON THE CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, USREP NOTED THERE WAS

GENERAL AWARENESS THAT US WAS FLEXIBLE, BUT THAT
REAL ISSUE TO BE THOUGHT ABOUT WAS WHAT WOULD BE AN
ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. FRG REP EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR
SWEDISH IDEA OF REPLACEMENT OF CO-CHAIRMAN BY A SMALL
BUREAU OF FOUR MEMBERS. CANADIAN AND US DELS EXPRESSED
RESERVATIONS ABOUT SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS IT
WOULD INTRODUCE A UN-TYPE STRUCTURE BASED ON THREE
PRINCIPAL GROUPINGS INTO THE CCD. UKDEL SAID HE HAD
NO OBJECTION TO BUREAU CONCEPT, SINCE THREE GROUPS OF
NATIONS DID IN FACT EXIST. HE ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WAS PRIMARILY A SYMBOLIC ISSUE, AND
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING EITHER TO SEE IT
REMAIN OR BE ABOLISHED.

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